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Response to Amendment

The reply filed on 26 October 2007 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The claims are limited to a species of the invention not originally presented for prosecution. Specifically, the claims originally presented for prosecution were directed to a patient lifter. The Specification, as originally filed, discloses an apparatus capable of being lowered to the floor and subsequently raised. As amended and presented for prosecution in the reply filed 26 October 2007, the claims are directed to a patient support which broadens the scope of the claimed invention beyond that disclosed in the Specification. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

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